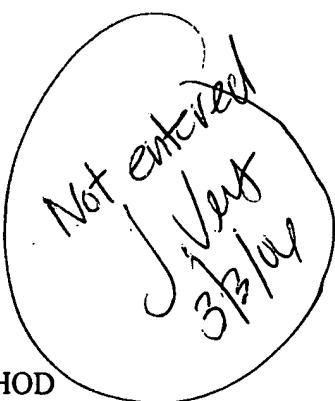


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In response to the Final Office Action of December 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8.